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SUBJECT: MAPUTO UN CONFERENCE: CHISSANO RADIO INTERVIEW

1. SUMMARY: IN MOZAMBIQUE RADIO INTERVIEW MAY 13 (PUBLISHED IN
NOTICIAS MAY 14), GPRM FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO:
--DECLARED THAT MOZAMBIQUE WILL URGE UN CONFERENCE IN MAPUTO
TO FOCUS ON GREATER MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS
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AND INCREASED "ISOLATION" OF RACIST REGIMES;
--CHARGED THAT "IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS" AND PROPAGANDA HAVE
DENEGRATED AND DISTORTED OBJECTIVES OF LIBERATION STRUGGLE.
--SAID IN REGARD TO THE WESTERN INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA THAT
"GREAT IMPERIALIST INTERESTS" ARE CONTRADICTIONARY TO INTERESTS OF
NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, BUT THAT MEETING WITH VORSTER MAY ADVANCE CAUSE
OF PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN NAMIBIA; AND

--CALLED SWAPO ONLY LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND DESCRIBED ANY INITIATIVE WHICH IGNORED THIS FACT AS NOT USEFUL. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF INTERVIEW. END SUMMARY

2. MOZAMBIQUE OBJECTIVES AT MAPUTO CONFERENCE: GPRM FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO STATED THAT "MOZAMBIQUE IS GOING TO INSIST THAT THE TONE (OF THE CONFERENCE) BE PLACED ON MATERIAL SUPPORT AS WELL AS POLITICAL SUPPORT TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, BECAUSE THAT IS THE PRINCIPAL FACTOR WHICH WILL ACCELERATE THE FALL OF THE RACIST AND MINORITY REGIMES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. IN SECOND PLACE, WE WILL INSIST ON THE NECESSITY OF GREATER ISOLATION OF THESE REGIMES, BECAUSE, AFTER ALL, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THERE BE STRONG PRESSURE, THAT THE WORLD DEMONSTRATE CONCRETELY THAT IT IS AGAINST THE INHUMAN PRACTISES OF THESE REGIMES, AND I BELIEVE THIS WILL RESULT."

3. CHISSANO STATED THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE "IS THAT OF GIVING AWARENESS, NOT ONLY TO THE GOVERNMENTS AND THE COUNTRIES TAKING PART, BUT ALSO TO THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING, IN ORDER THAT THEY WILL GIVE GREATER POLITICAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA."

4. IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS AND THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS: IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, CHISSANO SAID THAT THE IMPERIALISTS HAD TURNED OUT "GREAT AMOUNT OF PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA" AND THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROPAGANDA WAS TO "DENEGRATE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STRUGGLE"

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AND TO CREATE DOUBTS ABOUT THE SUPPORT TO BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLES OF THESE TERRITORIES." AS A RESULT, THE ARMED STRUGGLE HAS BEEN WRONGLY INTERPRETED BOTH IN RESPECT TO ITS OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS ITS FORM. THEREFORE, IN THIS CONFERENCE THERE WILL BE THE POSSIBILITY OF DEBATING ALL OF THESE ASPECTS. THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECT OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE WILL CERTAINLY BE UNDERSTOOD; AT THE SAME TIME, SO WILL BE BRUTAL ASPECTS OF THE MASSACRES OF THE RACISTS IAN SMITH AND JOHN VORSTER."

5. FIVE POWER INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA: ASKED TO ANALYSE THE FIVE POWER INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA AND WHETHER THAT INITIATIVE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE, CHISSANO SAID THAT THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND VORSTER WOULD NOT BY THEMSELVES BE A POINT OF DISCUSSION, EXCEPT AS THEY ARE REFLECTIONS IN THE MEASURES WHICH THESE WESTERN COUNTRIES PLAN TO TAKE IN RESPECT TO NAMIBIA. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE WESTERN COUNTRIES CERTAINLY HAVE THEIR INTERESTS TO DEFEND WHEN TAKING THE MEASURES, I AM NOT CERTAIN THAT THEY CAN DO EVERYTHING TO SUPPORT THE DESIRES OF THE

PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA BECAUSE THE INTERESTS OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE ARE NATURALLY CONTRADICTORY TO THE INTERESTS OF THE GREAT IMPERIALIST POWERS." HOWEVER, " I CANNOT AFFIRM AT THIS TIME THAT THE MEETING WITH VORSTER WILL BE PREJUDICIAL, BECAUSE IT COULD RESULT IN MANY POSITIVE THINGS. IT MAY RESULT IN THE "ADVANCE OF THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES."

6. IMPORTANCE OF SWAPO:

CHISSANO CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT IN THE CONFERENCE, "WE ARE GOING TO ACT IN A MANNER THAT WILL MAKE THE INTERESTS OF IMPERIALISM CONCEDE EVEN MORE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA. BUT THE FUNDAMENTAL POINT IS THAT ALL INITIATIVES MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT IN NAMIBIA ONE ORGANIZATION EXISTS WHICH REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, AND THAT IS SWAPO, WHICH IS RECOGNIZED BY THE UN AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE. THEREFORE, NO INITIATIVE WILL BE USEFUL IF IT IGNORES THIS FACT. AND SECONDLY, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE

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OPPRESSED PEOPLE IN NAMIBIA BE GIVEN PRIMARY IMPORTANCE, AND THAT ALL OTHER INTERESTS BE SUBORDINATED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE MAJORITY, I.E. THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA LED BY SWAPO, AND THAT ALL INITIATIVES MUST NOT CONSTITUTE OBSTACLES TO THE REAL INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA, AND ALL MUST CORRESPOND TO THE EFFECTIVE EXPULSION OF SOUTH AFRICA WHICH ILLEGALLY DOMINATES THE TERRITORY."CARSON

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